

CITY OF WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ADDENDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE LEADER'S
FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1 APRIL 2026 - 31 JULY 2026

NOTICE – EXECUTIVE LEADER’S FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

For the four month period 1 April to 31 July 2026.

Published 9 March 2026

The Council will publish a Forward Plan, which contains key decisions that the Council expects to make over the next four months and also includes those decisions to be taken in the current month. The Plan is updated and published twenty eight days before the beginning of each month. The next one to be published will be on the 2 April 2026 and will then contain all the key decisions for the four-month period May to August 2026. The Forward Plan details key decisions to be taken by Cabinet, by Executive Members and by Officers, where appropriate, under delegated powers.

The Plan indicates:

- who will make the decision;
- when decisions are likely to be taken;
- who you can contact about the decision, to obtain copies of documents and to make representations;
- the name of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- the consultation arrangements, if any;
- the documents available relating to the decisions and when and where they will be available.

Key decisions are:

- those that form the policy framework for the Council;
- any executive decision (as opposed to a regulatory decision) to incur expenditure or receive income over a financial threshold set by the Council.
- any decision which has a significant effect in more than one Ward.

The full definition of key decisions is given in the Council’s Constitution. It has also been decided that sensitive or substantial issues that do not fit within the definitions may still be included in the Plan voluntarily. The law and the Council’s Constitution provides for decisions to be made when it has not been possible to give notice in the Forward Plan, and the rules for this procedure are also contained in the Constitution.

Details of how to contact the named Officer by letter or telephone can be obtained from the Council's website or from the main switchboard on 01924 306090 between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Fridays.

A decision notice for each decision made by the Cabinet is published within 2 working days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council's website and at the Reception Desk, County Hall, Wakefield.

Copies of the Plan are available on the Council's website www.wakefield.gov.uk. A copy of the Plan is also available for public inspection at the Reception Desk, County Hall, Wakefield during normal office hours.

If you have any questions about the Forward Plan, please contact the Service Director, Legal and Governance, County Hall, Wakefield, telephone 01924 305177, e-mail: committeeservices@wakefield.gov.uk.

Cabinet Comprises:

Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Property
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Growth
Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health

Councillor Denise Jeffery
Councillor Jack Hemingway
Councillor Michelle Collins

Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
 Portfolio Holder for Communities
 Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Sport
 Portfolio Holder for Environment and Civic Services
 Portfolio Holder for Planning and Highways
 Portfolio Holder for Resources

Councillor Margaret Isherwood
 Councillor Daniel Wilton
 Councillor Hannah Appleyard
 Councillor George Ayre
 Councillor Matthew Morley
 Councillor David Pickersgill

Full **Council** comprises all 63 Members of the Council as follows:

Ahmed, N	Haslam, S	Pickersgill, D
Ali, U	Hayes, A	Pritchard, J
Antcliff, H	Hemingway, J	Rhodes, E
Appleyard, H	Heptinstall, F	Roberts, M
Ayre, G	Heptinstall, S	Rowley, O
Ayub, M	Hepworth, J	Saleem, S
Bates, S	Isherwood, M	Scott, K
Bryan, J	Jeffery, D M	Sharp, N
Byford, D	Jones, L	Shaw, L
Carrington, J	Jones, M	Smith, D
Collins, M	Keith, C	Speak, R
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Ferguson, J	Medford, J	Tennant-King, M
Forster, R	Masterman, L	Tulley, S
Fraser, B	Mitchell, H	Vickers, S
Garbutt, A	Morley, M	Wallis, A
Girt, P	Nicholls, A	Walton, N
Graham, M	Nicholls, D	Williamson, J
Harvey, S	Page, G	Wilton, D

Key Decision and Brief Description, Reference No. and Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&SC)	Decision Taker and Expected Date of Decision	Contact Officer	Consultation Arrangements	Background Papers	Date First included in the Plan
Wakefield SEND Sufficiency Programme - Secondary Phase Specialist SEND Provision It is likely that an appendix to the report will contain exempt information (paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12a LGA 1972) and will be considered in private. To seek approval to proceed through a Leader's Decision to acquire the former RFCC/Paragon site as the preferred location for developing up to a 120 place secondary Social Emotional Mental Health Education (Special Educational Needs and Disability -SEND) provision, responding to significant growth in Education Health Care Plans and rising financial and operational pressures on specialist placements. The Council proposes to utilise High Needs Provision Capital Allocation (HNPCA) funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to establish and redevelop this site to develop new secondary phase specialist SEND provision in Wakefield. ID No: 2052G O&SC: Children's Services - Chair, Cllr	Member Delegated Decision - Leader March 2026	Louise Lupton llupton@wakefield.gov.uk			9 March 2026

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